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*My dear Prime Minister,*

I communicated with you yesterday in terms of a more general message addressed to all Commonwealth Heads of Government. I should like to convey more personally, however, a particular word of appreciation of the unique and pre-eminent contribution that you and your Government have made to yesterday's advancement of the Lusaka Accord. That a final settlement in Rhodesia is within grasp of all its people and that independence on the basis of majority rule is at hand, are due in substantial measure to the energy and determination with which your Government has pursued them. I know how difficult have been some of the decisions you faced; but the completion of the Lusaka process which they made possible is testimony enough to their immense overall significance. Nor are the fruits of that process for Zimbabwe alone; they offer hope and encouragement for the peaceful resolution of conflict the world over. In all this, you have greatly helped the Commonwealth to fulfil its potential for effectiveness and strengthened it beyond measure.

I am writing separately to Peter Carrington who has borne so manfully the heat and burden of the day throughout what I know must have seemed a long and sometimes trying journey from Lusaka.

With deep respect and my most sincere congratulations,



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